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April 15, 2010

Laura R. Hillock, Associate General Counsel University of Pittsburgh Office of General Counsel 1710 Cathedral of Learning Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Re:

Whitmer High School Panthers

Dear Ms. Hillock:

As you and I discussed by telephone on March 30, 2010, this firm represents the Washington Local School District in Lucas County, Ohio ("the District"). You called to our attention the District's use, in connection with its high school sports program, of a panther head logo ("the Panther") which appears to be very similar to the University of Pittsburgh's panther logo. You have also advised us that the University's panther logo is a copyrighted image and also a registered trademark.

The District's Superintendent has directed the District's Athletic Director and Coordinator of School Information to cease using the Panther as soon as possible in every medium and location. The District's Athletic Director has also directed the athletic booster club, an independent organization, to cease using the Panther. Some cessations are more readily achievable than others. The District proposes that those changes which involve substantial cost to this public school district be made in due course.

Specifically, the District proposes the following:

Type or Location of District Use Electronic information

Proposed Discontinuation

By not later than June 1, 2010, the District will remove the Panther as a logo from all electronic locations under the District's control, including the District's website.

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Type or Location of District Use Stationery and other paper products

Proposed Discontinuation

Effective April 1, 2010, the District will not order any more printed materials containing the Panther. Printed material already produced will continue to be used until the supply is exhausted, which is expected to be by approximately June 30, 2010.

Team uniforms and equipment

The Panther is on parts of uniforms for a small number of sports. Effective April 1, 2010, the District will not order any more uniforms or equipment showing the Panther. Existing uniforms and equipment with the Panther will continue to be used until the usual replacement cycle, expected to be not longer than five years. To the extent the Panther can be readily replaced or covered with a new team logo, such as on football helmet decals, that will occur before the item's replacement and before the next athletic season.

Apparel

Effective April 1, 2010, the District will not order any more apparel showing the Panther. Apparel already produced will continue to be used until the supply is exhausted, which is expected to be by approximately December 31, 2010.

Playing surfaces, walls and structures

Effective April 1, 2010, the District will not affix or have the Panther affixed to any further playing surfaces, walls or structures. The Panther will be removed from existing playing surfaces, walls and structures at the first opportunity to do so when the structure is being replaced, repainted or resurfaced under normal maintenance conditions. Until such removal occurs, the District will include in its football and basketball programs the following statement: "The panther logo in the [stadium/fieldhouse] is owned by the University of Pittsburgh and used by express permission of the University. It is not to be copied or used by anyone without the specific written permission of the University of Pittsburgh."

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The District's graphic arts department has designed a new panther logo, enclosed for your information, for which the District expects to seek its own trademark and/or copyright registration.

The District expects to proceed according to the plan and schedule outlined above. Please let us know if the University believes the District should proceed differently.

Very truly yours,

SPENGLER NATHANSON P.L.L.

Cheryl F. Wolff

Enclosure

cc:

Patrick Hickey, Superintendent (w/encl.)

Thomas Snook, Athletic Director (w/encl.)

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